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## AL RAJHI BANKING & INVESTMENT CORPORATION'S MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF ITS MOTION FOR ORAL ARGUMENT ON ITS RENEWED MOTION TO DISMISS

On February 7, 2003, Al Rajhi Banking & Investment Corporation ("Al Rajhi Bank"), without having been served with process, voluntarily appeared in *Burnett v. Al Baraka Investment & Development Corp.*, 02 CV 1616 (D.D.C.) (Robertson, J.), to clear its good name. The Bank filed a motion to dismiss (Docket Entries 64, 97 and 108) which, after a hearing before Judge James Robertson, resulted in the dismissal of all but one allegation against the Bank: "Except for the allegation of ¶ 46, . . . the 3AC fails to state a claim against Al Rajhi upon which relief can be granted." *Burnett v. Al Baraka Inv. & Dev. Corp.*, 274 F. Supp. 2d 86, 109 (D.D.C. 2003). After the Plaintiffs submitted a more definite statement with respect to the sole remaining allegation (Docket Entry 266), Al Rajhi Bank renewed its motion to dismiss (Docket Entries 353, 394 and 411). That motion is fully briefed and ripe for oral argument.

Al Rajhi Bank also has appeared voluntarily in Ashton v. Al Qaeda Islamic Army, 02 CV

06977 (S.D.N.Y.), and, in light of the recent consolidation of cases, respectfully requests that the

Bank's motion to dismiss be deemed fully briefed and ripe for oral argument in that action as

well. The factual allegations made against the Bank in the Ashton Third Amended Complaint are

virtually identical to those made in the Burnett Third Amended Complaint and have been

thoroughly treated in the briefs on the Bank's motion to dismiss and renewed motion. For the

reasons stated in Al Rajhi Bank's briefs in support of its motion and renewed motion, these

factual allegations are insufficient to sustain any claim advanced against the Bank. Repetitive

briefing on these duplicative allegations would be unduly burdensome on the Court and parties.

## **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, Al Rajhi Bank respectfully moves for oral argument on its renewed motion to dismiss in *Burnett* and *Ashton* at the Court's earliest convenience.

Dated: Washington, D.C. March 19, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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